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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9727

AMEMBASSY LOME

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, DM, US

SUBJ: MORRISON-KNUDSEN EQUIPMENT IN BENIN

REF: A. COTONOU 0851 B. STATE 119748

1. MORRISON-KNUDSEN (M-K) PROJECT MANAGER BOB MAX TODAY INFORMED US THAT M-K HAD BEGUN TO MOVE ITS EQUIPMENT FROM KANDI CAMP FOLLOWING PERMISSION EFFECTIVE 0900 MAY 25, 1977. WHILE MAX WILL NOT BREATHE EASILY UNTIL EQUIPMENT HAS LEFT THE COUNTRY, HE IS NOW CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT SEIZURE QUESTION, AT LEAST, IS RESOLVED.

2. DESPITE ULTIMATE DEPOSIT OF FIRST PAYMENT ITS ACCOUNT, M-K STILL CONSIDERS ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT NULL AND VOID, AND SAYS IT WILL ONLY NEGOTIATE ON THE BASIS OF 100 PERCENT PAYMENT IN ADVANCE AND FULL REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED WHILE EQUIPMENT BLOCKED IN KANDI. VICE PRESIDENT WILKINSON IS DUE IN FROM THE M-K OFFICE IN THE HAGUE
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ON MAY 30 TO RE-OPEN NEGOTIATIONS APPARENTLY ON THIS BASIS.

3. FOR LOME AND NIAMEY: IF OICI IN LOME OR PAO/NIAMEY ARE STILL INTERESTED IN TRAILERS, THEY MAY SEE EQUIPMENT IN KANDI AND DISCUSS ITS PURCHASE AT THEIR CONVENIENCE EITHER THERE OR IN COTONOU.

4. FOR DEPARTMENT: CHARGE HAD ALREADY FOLLOWED-UP ON EARLIER
APPROACH TO BENINESE ON MAY 24 BY RAISING QUESTION WITH BOTH
PROTOCOL DIRECTOR PAQUI AND DEPARTMENT TWO (US,
NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS) ACTING DIRECTOR HOUTON. BOTH PROMISED
TO INTERCEDE WITH INTERIOR MINISTER FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF
EQUIPMENT. THOMPSON

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